

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the specification for failing to provide a proper antecedent basis for “attached to” in claims 39 and 54. Claim 39 has been amended to remove the “attached to” language, replacing it with the limitation that the actuator includes an indicator. Claim 54 has been cancelled. Applicant request the withdrawal of this objection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 35-38 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph because “fast dry” and “deep clean” lack antecedent basis. Claims 35-38 have been amended to replace “fast dry” with –second-- and “deep clean” with –first--. Applicant requests the withdrawal of this rejection.

The Examiner has rejected 66 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph because of the double inclusion of “a support housing”. Claim 66 has been amended to remove the second instance of “a support housing”. Applicant request the withdrawal of this rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claim 69 because the word “pump” is missing after the word vacuum. Claim 69 has been amended to include the word “pump” after vacuum. Applicant requests withdrawal of this rejection.

The Examiner indicated that claims 42, 50 and 67 (among others) contain allowable subject matter. Claim 39 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 42. Claim 50 has been amended into independent form herein, incorporating all of the subject matter of claims 39, 47 and 49 into claim 50. Claim 67 has been amended into independent form herein, incorporating all of the subject matter of claims 39 and 66 into claim 67. These claims are thus allowable as previously indicated by the Examiner.

Applicant has added new independent claims 70 and 71. The Examiner has indicated in a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter that claims 42 and 67 contain

allowable subject matter. Claim 70 includes the pertinent portions of pending claim 42 and Claim 71 includes the pertinent portions of pending claim 67. For the reasons set forth by the Examiner in the statement of reasons for indication of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 70 and 71 are allowable over the prior art.

Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 39, 50, 67, 70 and 71 are allowable over the prior art of record. For similar reasons, and for the additional reasons set forth above, Applicants urge that the dependent claims are also allowable.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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